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desires to gain a general knowledge of the main principles of medical law.

HAND-BOOK OF THE LAW OF BILLS AND NOTES. By Charles P. Norton. Third edition. By Francis B. Tiffany. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1900. pp. x, 553. The first edition of this work was published in 1893, the second in 1895. The principal change to be noted in the present edition is the addition of an appendix containing the Negotiable Instruments Law. The text of the law as here printed is that of the New York act, and the modifications made by the various states in which the law has been adopted are pointed out in the notes. Throughout the book the editor has inserted references to the appropriate sections of the law, and has also indicated any changes effected by them. These new features add greatly to the practical value of the work. Standard cases to be found in certain case books in use in the law schools, wherever cited in the text or notes, have been indicated by being printed in bold type. A table of cases and an index complete the volume. This book should be useful equally to the student and to the practitioner.

MANUAL OF CRIMINAL LAW. By Emory Washburn, LL. D. Third edition, with Notes by Marshall D. Ewell, LL. D. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1900. pp. lv, 278. This work is intended as an introduction to the study of criminal law. The author first deals with a few of the primary principles of the subject, and then briefly considers almost all common law, and some statutory crimes. By far the greater portion of the book is devoted to criminal procedure. A criminal prosecution is traced from beginning to end. The different contingencies which may occur at each stage of the proceedings are treated in sufficient detail to be of considerable value. All through the volume numerous cases are cited and text-books are quoted so freely that at times one feels as if he were reading little more than a series of selections. Nevertheless the book is on the whole decidedly readable. From a Massachusetts standpoint it derives additional value from the extensive use of the decisions and statutes of that state to illustrate the text.

SOCIAL JUSTICE. A Critical Essay. By Westel W. Willoughby, Ph. D. London and New York: The Macmillan Company. 1900. pp. ix, 385. The determination and application of the ethical principles underlying our social institutions is the object of this essay. The author first analyzes the idea of justice as an abstract principle, and then applies what he determines to be the true conception to the concrete and fundamental economic problems. This involves a critical examination of various economic theories, especially those for the justification of private property. These criticisms and the conclusions drawn from them give the book its chief value. The scholarly and yet practical way in which the author has approached the whole problem before him will make the volume most stimulating to the student of social problems. To the legal profession, the chapter dealing with the theories of Punitive Justice will be especially interesting.

OWEN'S LAW QUIZZER. By Wilber A. Owen, LL. M. Second edition. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1900. pp. v, 613. The most striking feature of the second edition of this work is its scope, some twenty-five

subjects being treated. The book will doubtless be of value for the purposes of a hasty review, but only to those who are already well grounded. In many cases the authorities cited to sustain the answers are not wisely chosen, and to this may be traced most of the inaccuracies which appear in the text. While questions presenting concrete cases would be of more value to the student who uses the case system, yet the method adopted of asking a general question and answering it by a definition, will doubtless be found useful by many who cling to the older manner of studying law.

A SELECTION OF CASES ON THE LAW OF INSURANCE. By Edwin H. Woodruff. New York : Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1900. pp. xiii, 592. The author in this volume has furnished us with an excellent case book. By omitting portions of the original reports of most of the cases printed, he has been able, without unduly increasing the size of the volume, to touch upon more questions in the law than is usual in a similar work. Nevertheless, this condensation has not been carried so far as in any way to impair the value of the book. The difficult task of selecting the cases has been performed with discrimination, and the general arrangement is on the whole satisfactory. An excellent index greatly adds to the convenience of the work.

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, held at Hotel Chamberlain, Fort Monroe, Va., June 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1900. Edited by Eugene C. Massie, Secretary. Richmond : John T. West. 1900. pp. 389.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE. And its Bearings on International Law and Policy. By Frederick W. Halls, D. C. L. New York : The Macmillan Co. 1900. pp. xxiv, 572. *Review will follow.*

AMERICAN LAW. A Treatise on the Jurisprudence, Constitution, and Laws of the United States. By James De Witt Andrews. Chicago : Callaghan & Co. 1900. pp. lxii, 1245. *Review will follow.*

THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE SELDEN SOCIETY. BEVERLEY TOWN DOCUMENTS. Edited for The Selden Society by Arthur F. Leach. London : Bernard Quaritch. 1900. pp. lxii, 164. *Review will follow.*